

WON'T STAND FOR DEAR COAL

OPERATORS TO SEE THAT THI

If the Dealers Combine to Charge Too Much They'll Go Into the Retail Market Themselves—One Says \$6.25 to \$6.50 a Ton Will Be About Right

The presidents of the coal-carrying roads are going to see that the people get coal at reasonable prices. They said yesterday that they were not necessarily bound by the Philadelphia and Reading circular price of anthracite, and that no agreement governing them all had been made, but it was believed that the Reading prices would be followed.

It was learned that the coal dealers will find themselves handicapped after coal begins to arrive if they make an agreement to keep up the prices. A representative of the New York, Ontario and Western said to a STX reporter:

"The dealers may not have any to

"How would the companies prevent this," he was asked.

"Do as they did to prevent the poor from paying exorbitant prices for coal by the pail. They started a depot at which the poor could get coal at a fair price. The dealers should combine to keep up the retail price the operators would go into the market and sell coal direct at retail."

He believed that \$1.25 or \$1.50 added to the circular price would pay for freight and handling and give a good profit to the dealer. Coal bought at the circular price

A representative of the Erie Railroad said that about a hundred cars of fresh-laid coal were due in Westlake last night, and will probably be the first shipment East of freshly mined anthracite. Several of the other roads said that some coal would be sent over their lines to-day but coal in quantities was not expected until about the 15th of May.

President Olyphant of the Delaware and Hudson Company had a conference yesterday afternoon with E. B. Thomas, chief engineer of the Erie and Western Railroad. President Fowler of the Ontario and Western, President Underwood of the Erie and Mr. Thomas were also present. The conference was for some time held in the Pierpont room during the afternoon.

Some of the retail dealers said that they had bought coal from speculators and ordered it to be delivered to their customers.

The following wholesale prices for steam sizes of anthracite in the ports supplied by New York were quoted yesterday: Peoria \$18.00 a ton; buckshot #4 \$25; rice #2 \$3.25; barley #2 \$3.75.

The retail price of domestic anthracite according to all dealers, was \$12 a ton though it was fixed by schedule at \$15.

New York representatives of the Philadelphia and Reading, the Erie, the Lehigh Valley, the Delaware and Hudson, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and the Ontario and Western said yesterday that the possibility of mining of anthracite coal would be a gradual process. The elite coal would be a gradually increasing one-half of the hard coal mines operated before the strike are now in a bad way

Some of them are partly flooded and others are inoperative because of damage to the machinery. The Reading Company will be obliged to expend \$50,000 or \$75,000 once the repair damage is estimated, according to expert opinion, it will be ten days or two weeks before the normal output of anthracite can be assured.

The operators believe that from now on they will be able to supply the actual wants of New Yorkers for fuel. Care is to be taken not to allow anthracite to consumers in large lots at once, a policy of "holding back" distribution in small lots is to be pursued for the present. President Baer of the Reading, President Truesdale of the Lackawanna

Charles E. Hudon, chairman of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, and President Walter of the Lehigh Valley and President Fowler of the Ontario and Western Coal Companies, are speaking quickly at reasonably low prices. The principal retail dealers in New York have assured the coal producers that they would desire to keep retail prices above figures that will represent a reasonable profit to them.

The Charly Organization Society has contributions of \$1,000 to meet the unusual expenses incurred in the cooperation with the Street Cleaning Department for making the streets so clean. The company has the carts of the department and brought to its dumps. The cost of this labor and necessary supervision and the twelve cents per ton for the fuel is \$2.00. The company has some new daily supplied with fuel in this manner averages about 1,200. It is desired to have a large quantity of distribution at least for another month.

COAL COMING TO NEW YORK
Thousands of Tons Being Shipped—Prices
Same as Before Strike.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 24.—The Del.

ware, Lackawanna and Western leads the other companies in coal shipments. To-day 10,000 tons of freshly mined coal was sent to New York, as against 6,000 shipped last night. The Ontario and Western Company to-day reached 6,000 tons, just half its normal output and has all its collieries working except one. Yesterday 4,000 tons were shipped and this 10,000 tons should reach New York to-morrow.

The Delaware and Hudson sent a large amount of coal to-night to New York, but the number of tons will not be reported.

The Lehigh Valley to-day placed coal on sale for local customers at the same price which prevailed before the strike.

BEATEN BY STRIKERS.

Two Men Suspected of Working During Strike Nearly Killed.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 24.—Two miners who were suspected by their fellow countrymen of having worked as non-union men were terribly beaten to-day and one is in a dangerous condition.

Anthony Jelinski came back to this region and said he had been working in the so-called coal fields. Several believed he worked in the lower end of the coal strike district and this morning he was horribly beaten.

The physicians say his recovery is doubtful. Four of his assailants are under arrest; three are still free.

Stanley Mecally, who told the same story as Jelinsky, was enticed into a little tailor shop by six men and cross-examined.

his movements since the strike began. They were not satisfied with his answer. He was stripped and held upon a table and beaten with rubber hose until he was covered with welts and bruises. The seven men were arrested and jailed.

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